



Shalom,

"Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations." (Psalm 111:2,6)

When we look at the people of Israel we can see God's hand at work in the world. The Savior of the world came through Israel, and God continues to bless the world through Israel. However, the enemy wants to block this flow of blessings and will do anything to destroy Israel. Thankfully we have a mighty weapon in the struggle against him: Prayer. During the next few months, let us keep praying for the protection of Israel and that God's work in Israel will continue unhindered.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds." (2 Corinthians 10:4)

Christians for Israel Prayer team

August 2019

Thursday 1 August	Pray for the politicians and government authorities of Israel, that they will be men and women after God's own heart (Jeremiah 3:15). Pray that God will revive His people (Psalm 85:6).
Friday 2 August	There is enmity against the Jewish people, there are lies and smear campaigns, threats of war and terror attacks, false accusations and falsification of history, but the miracle remains: Israel is Alive! Thank God by Lamentations 3:22-23 'Because of the Lord's great compassion we are not consumed.'
Saturday 3 August Sabbath	The situation in the north of Israel on the Syrian and Lebanese borders is still complex. Hezbollah is trying to strengthen its position against Israel and the Syrian government condemns Israel for meddling in Syrian national affairs. At the same time Iran is trying to increase the tensions even more. Pray for protection for Israel against these hostile powers.
Sunday 4 August	In 2 Kings 6:8-23 we read the story of the Syrian soldiers who wanted to capture Elisha because he kept telling the king of Israel where the Syrian army was located. The arrest failed when God struck the Syrian soldiers blind. Pray that God will distract and confuse Israel's enemies today too, either individually or collectively, whenever they take action against His people.

Monday 5 August	The commander of the Iranian military recently claimed that the country holds absolute power in the region. While it is unclear exactly what he meant by this, it seems that Iran is saying that they either have the capacity to build an atomic bomb or have already built it. Pray that the power of Iran will be broken and that Iran will not be able to harm Israel.
Tuesday 6 August	Tensions have been growing between Israel and Lebanon in recent years. This is largely due to the disputed ownership of the new gas fields in the Mediterranean Sea. Lebanon is prepared to negotiate with Israel under the oversight of the United Nations. Pray that these negotiations will go well and that the tensions will disappear.
Wednesday 7 August	Rev. Cornelis Kant will be in Rwanda 7 -11 August to speak at a synod of Presbyterian churches. Thank God for this opportunity and pray that the message about God's faithfulness to Israel will touch hearts and spread throughout the country.
Thursday 8 August	Over the past several years, Iran has been trying to expand its influence in the Middle East, at times aggressively. Iran is also constantly at odds with the United States. In the past Iran has taken tensions with other countries out on Israel. Pray that Iran will not be able to harm Israel.
Friday 9 August	Pray for wisdom for the Israeli army regarding the placement of troops. The danger comes from all sides and the best placement of each body of troops must be carefully considered.
Saturday 10 August Sabbath	"The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:9) Give thanks that there is security with God. Pray that God will protect Israel in times of trouble.
Sunday 11 August Tisha B'Av (Day of Mourning)	In 2 Corinthians 1:3 we read, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort." Give thanks that God is a God of comfort and pray that He will comfort His people in the midst of all that has happened to them.
Monday 12 August	Give thanks for that many Jewish towns and villages in Judea and Samaria are flourishing. Also pray for the protection of these villages. In the village of Rechelim a terrorist attack was recently averted because of a well-placed night-vision camera.
Tuesday 13 August	Pray for Christians living under the Palestinian Authority in places like Bethlehem and for Christians living under the authority of Hamas in Gaza. Pray that they will not experience discrimination and that they may persevere in their faith and be a blessing to those around them.
Wednesday 14 August	Besides the fires that are being started in the South of Israel from the Gaza Strip, there have also been more and more cases of terrorist arson in the heartland of Israel. Pray that no more fires will be started, and that the existing fires will be put out quickly and effectively.
Thursday 15 August	Pray that the Israeli security services will be alert and ready to respond to terrorists acting on their own and stabbing Jews with knives. Give thanks that the Israeli security services have been able to prevent many planned attacks, in multiple cases with the aid of the security service of the Palestinian Authority.
Friday 16 August	According to a recently published research report the number of jobs in Israel has increased and unemployment is at an all-time low – a reason to give thanks!
Saturday 17 August Sabbath	Pray for a blessing over the work of the Israeli seminary <i>Hebrew for the Nations</i> . Israeli students study Biblical Hebrew Education at this seminary in order to help translate the Bible into foreign languages.
Sunday 18 August	"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35) Pray for love between Christians in Israel, between Arabic Christians and Messianic Jews.
Monday 19 August	Pray that our solidarity with Israel may add to our longing expectance of the return of our Savior Jesus.
Tuesday 20 August	Give thanks for the many Arabs and Jews who are on good terms with each other, for example as neighbors or coworkers. Pray that there will more and more of this harmony.

Wednesday 21 August	The German minister of Foreign Affairs has issued a statement on the occasion of Israel's seventieth year of UN membership. In the statement he emphasized Germany's commitment that Israel's right to exist will never be questioned, including in the UN. Give thanks for this encouragement for Israel and pray that Germany will be able to keep this promise.
Thursday 22 August	Pray that the whole world will recognize that Israel belongs to the Jewish people; based both on the Bible and on post-Biblical history. Pray for a blessing over the work of those who spread and explain this message, especially lawyers who point out the State of Israel's international rights.
Friday 23 August	Give thanks for the many pro-Israel organizations around the world. Give thanks for the millions of Christians who support these organizations and love Israel.
Saturday 24 August Sabbath	Give thanks that Israel is a country that helps other countries wherever possible. Give thanks that it also receives help from other countries. Its neighbor Egypt for example, sent firefighters and equipment to help fight the forest fires.
Sunday 25 August	"The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!" (Psalm 33:11-12)
Monday 26 August	Relations between Israel and Poland have been poor for quite some time. The two countries cannot agree on whether Poland should pay reparations for the former Jewish assets that were seized by the Nazis and later nationalized by the communist Polish government. There have also been multiple recent anti-Semitic incidents in Poland. Pray that the mood may shift in Poland and that there will be sufficient concern for the safety and wellbeing of Jews in the country.
Tuesday 27 August	God's Word speaks about the return of Israel (Aliyah) hundreds of times. Some key words and phrases to look for include 'restore' (your fortunes), 'bring back' (to your land), and 'return' (to the Lord your God). Thank God for the continuing Aliyah.
Wednesday 28 August	Pray for organizations in Israel who help guide Jewish migrants who do not have a strong connection with the Jewish faith back to their religion and their roots. Pray that this will lead to a spiritual awakening among them.
Thursday 29 August	"The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel." (Psalm 147:2) Give thanks that we can see this happening –the Jewish people are coming home to Israel from the whole world.
Friday 30 August	Pray for peace in the south of Israel. Pray that no more rockets will be fired from Gaza and that the residents of the southern towns and villages will no longer have to live in constant fear. Pray that Israel's defense system, the Iron Dome, will be effective in stopping the rockets.
Saturday 31 August Sabbath	Pray for the people who are dealing with anxiety, depression or post-traumatic stress syndrome as a result of the rocket fires from Gaza. Pray that they will receive good treatment and healing.

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Sunday 1 September	"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) The earth and everything in it is God's and He can give each person what he or she needs. Pray for the poor in Israel, that they will receive help and that they will have enough food and supplies.
Monday 2 September	Pray for the small Jewish community in Hebron. Pray their safety and that they will be able to live in harmony with the Arab residents of the city.
Tuesday 3 September	Israel suspects that Hamas wants to use drones to launch explosives. One such a drone was sighted during recent rocket attacks. Thankfully that rocket launch failed. Pray that Hamas will not succeed in their use of drones and other means of launching explosives.

Wednesday 4 September	It can get extremely hot in Israel in the summer (over 45 degrees Celsius) and due to the summer heat and dryness forest fires start easily. Pray that no more forest fires will start and that the existing fires can be put out quickly.
Thursday 5 September	Pray that attacks with fire kites or balloons carrying explosives from Gaza will fail. In the summer, while most of the country is hot and dry, fire kites and balloons can cause large fires. Pray for protection for the south of Israel.
Friday 6 September	Pray for safety in Israeli workplaces. Accidents are especially frequent on constructions sites and better safety measures are needed.
Saturday 7 September Sabbath	Pray for wounded Israeli soldiers. They often have difficulty reintegrating into the workplace after recovery. Pray that they will find good employment quickly.
Sunday 8 September	"Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but My righteousness will be forever, and My salvation to all generations." (Isaiah 51:7-8) Give thanks that God's righteousness is eternal and that He will continue to take care of Israel.
Monday 9 September	Whatever the situation at this time in Israel – spiritual, societal, or military – let us take it to the Lord in prayer using Jeremiah 32:17, "Ah, Lord God! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You."
Tuesday 10 September	Pray that the mission of Christians for Israel, "to make Christians aware of the significance of the Jewish people in God's dealings with the world", will be understood and supported, not only by Christians but also by non-Christians. Pray that they will become curious about what we do and the source of our inspiration and strength – the Bible.
Wednesday 11 September	Give thanks for the very successful C4I training conference in Nepal. Approximately 200 pastors and church leaders from all over Nepal participated in this conference in June. Some had to travel as long as 16 hours to attend. Pray that the pastors and church leaders may pass the message on.
Thursday 12 September	Several short <i>Why Israel?</i> videos have recently been translated in Albania, where they are now being shown in churches and shared via Facebook. Pray that these videos will be an effective means to spread the Biblical truth about Israel, the church, and the nations.
Friday 13 September	Because Netanyahu was not able to form a coalition, reelections will be held on 17 September – the second election in six months. Pray that the time leading up to the elections will be calm and that the voters will receive the right information to make good decisions.
Saturday 14 September Sabbath	Pray for a blessed sabbath for the Jewish people.
Sunday 15 September	"Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression." (Psalm 19:13) Pray this verse for the authorities in Israel and that their work will be characterized by blamelessness and honesty rather than self-interest [and pride].
Monday 16 September	Pray for protection for the country of Israel in the period that it does not yet have a new government. Pray that the political drama of the reelections will not have a negative impact on the country's security and that the country will still be led decisively.
Tuesday 17 September	Pray that Election Day will be peaceful and that representatives will be chosen who keep their eyes on God.
Wednesday 18 September	Pray that the various political parties will make wise decisions as a coalition is being formed and that the process will proceed in a civilized manner.
Thursday 19 September	There will be a C4I training conference on Surabaya (Indonesia) from 19 to 20 September. Pray that the attendees may be touched by God's Word and that they will realize that it is not just important to hear the message but also to act on it.

Friday 20 September	Anti-Semitism is increasing in Europe but there also many organizations and individuals who are raising their voices in support of their Jewish fellow citizens. Give thanks for these voices and pray for a blessing over the work of those who speak out against anti-Semitism.
Saturday 21 September Sabbath	Growing anti-Semitism around the world, expressed as anti-Zionism, is a continuing matter for concern. Pray that the Lord God will defeat this power and show Himself all-powerful.
Sunday 22 September	"All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16) Bible study groups, clubs and youth groups are starting up again after the summer in many churches. Pray that Israel and the fulfilling of prophecies about Israel will be among the topics discussed at these activities.
Monday 23 September	Pray that God in His almighty power will neutralize any and all lies about Israel, whether they are lies in the media, on the internet or about Israeli products.
Tuesday 24 September	German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that at this time there is no synagogue, Jewish daycare or Jewish school in Germany that is not permanently guarded. Pray for the safety and protection of the Jewish community in Germany and pray that anti-Semitism will be dealt with effectively.
Wednesday 25 September	In the wake of several deadly shootings in American synagogues many Jews no longer feel safe in the United States. Almost three quarters of the Jewish-American population feels less safe than they did two years ago. Pray for the protection of the Jewish-American community. Pray that the Jews who want to make Aliyah will have the means to do so.
Thursday 26 September	Pray that people get their news and information about Israel from the right sources. Pray that they will recognize one-sided negative reporting about Israel and that they will look for alternative news sources to find the truth.
Friday 27 September	Pray that more archeological digs will be done in Israel that confirm the Biblical accounts and disprove the lies that the Jewish people have no business being in Israel. Recently a city gate from David's time was found. Archeologists also continue to look for scrolls like those discovered at Qumran.
Saturday 28 September Sabbath	Pray that Jews in Israel and around the world may experience God's presence and closeness in a powerful way. Pray that they will know that God cares for them and will never leave them.
Sunday 29 September	"And He Who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" (Revelation 21:5) Tomorrow Jews celebrate the beginning of Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year. Ultimately the whole world is waiting for the day when everything will really become new. Pray that Jesus will return soon.
Monday 30 September Rosh Hashanah	Pray that the Jews will have a blessed Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year).